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July 1, 2009

To:

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From:

William T Fujioka

Chief Executive Officer

INTERIM REPORT ON REVIEW OF TARZANA TREATMENT CENTER CONTRACTS

On June 16, 2009, your Board approved a motion by Supervisors Antonovich and Yaroslasky, amended by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, instructing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to work with the Auditor-Controller (A-C), County Counsel, and all affected departments to identify and review all of the County's contracts with Tarzana Treatment Center to determine: 1) the appropriateness of the expenditures and charges made under these contracts and report back to the Board in 60 days, with an interim status report in two weeks; 2) Tarzana's compliance with all relevant County rules, ordinances, and regulations, and to take appropriate action in all instances in which it is determined that Tarzana has in fact not complied.

Additionally, your Board approved amended terms of 90 days for the Tarzana Treatment Center (Tarzana) contracts before your Board on June 16, 2009, pending the outcome of the CEO's review. Finally, your Board authorized the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH) to extend the contracts with Tarzana on a month-to-month basis for up to one year, if additional time is needed to complete the requested review.

This is to provide your Board with the requested interim status report. On June 25, 2009, this Office convened a workgroup consisting of the A-C, County Counsel and DPH to review a preliminary listing of contracts with Tarzana and to discuss a course of action. A listing of all County contracts with Tarzana has been compiled and the workgroup will coordinate with affected County departments to validate the data and

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ensure completeness and accuracy. The A-C will proceed with reviewing the appropriateness of expenditures and charges made under these contracts. A 60 day report will be provided to your Board with the A-C's findings and recommendations, as appropriate.

All DPH Tarzana contracts approved by your Board on June 16, 2009 have been modified to reflect a 90-day contract term with a month-to-month option to extend, not to exceed June 30, 2010. The month-to-month extension will be exercised should the CEO's report not be submitted to your Board within 90 days.

If you have any questions please contact me, or your staff may contact Tami Omoto-Frias at (213) 893-9741 or tomoto-frias@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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